IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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First Named Inventor: Theary Chheang

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, copies of the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are enclosed for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above-identified application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed PTO-1449 form in order to indicate that each of the references listed has been considered in connection with the present application.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement; however, if any such fee is due, please charge to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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